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SUBJ: DRAFTING GROUP MEETING, NOVEMBER 25, 1975 (SALT-859)

1. ARTICLE X (NEW SYSTEM BANS): AT MEETING TODAY KARPOV CALLED FOR INTERMISSION DURING WHICH HE TOLD KLOSSON PRIVATELY THAT SOVIETS WISHED TO MOVE FORWARD ON ARTICLE X. KARPOV SAID SOVIETS WOULD ACCEPT US LANGUAGE ON LAND-BASED INTERCONTINENTAL CRUISE MISSILES, INCLUDING LAUNCHERS, AND US LANGUAGE ON SEA-BASED BALLISTIC MISSILES OTHER THAN ON SUBMARINES, INCLUDING LAUNCHERS, PROVIDED US ACCEPTED SOVIET BAN ON SEA-BASED CRUISE MISSILES WITH RANGE OVER 600 KILOMETERS. SOVIET PROPOSAL TO BAN MIRVS ON ASMS WOULD THUS REMAIN ONLY BRACKETED PART ARTICLE X.

2. KARPOV SAID SUCH AN AGREEMENT WOULD KEEP OPEN QUESTION OF AIR-LAUNCHED CRUISE MISSILES WHICH HE UNDERSTOOD WAS MAIN POINT OF CONTENTION BETWEEN THE SIDES "ELSEWHERE". KLOSSON SAID HE WOULD PASS KARPOV'S PROPOSAL TO HIS DELEGATION.

3. AFTER MEETING RECONVENED, KLOSSON AND KARPOV TABLED TEXTS FOR ARTICLE X. IN US SUBPARAGRAPH (B) SOVIETS ACCEPTED US
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PHRASE "FOR INSTALLATION", AND CONFIRMED ENGLISH-PHRASE

"CAPABLE OF RANGES" IS SAME AS RUSSIAN PHRASE "WITH A RANGE"
IN KEEPING WITH IA UNDERSTANDING.

4. ARTICLE IV (IA CARRYOVERS): SIDES EXCHANGED BRACKETED JDT
TEXTS BASED ON DISCUSSIONS AT PREVIOUS MEETING.

5. ARTICLE II.4 (ASBM/ASM DEFINITION): SOVIETS TABLED
FOLLOWING TEXT: "AIR-TO-SURFACE MISSILES CAPABLE
OF A RANGE IN EXCESS OF 600 KILOMETERS (ASMS) ARE ANY SUCH
MISSILES INSTALLED IN A HEAVY BOMBER OR ON ITS EXTERNAL MOUNTINGS."
KARPOV EXPLAINED THAT THIS REVISION AVOIDED AMBIGUITY, NOTED EARLIER
BY US, IN USE OF RUSSIAN WORD "CLASS" TO MEAN "TYPE" IN LATTER
PART OF PREVIOUS SOVIET PROPOSAL.

6. ARTICLE II.5 (MIRV DEFINITION): BOTH SIDES DISCUSSED THEIR
RESPECTIVE PROPOSAL DEFINITIONS ALONG LINES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS.
SOVIETS DID NOT SUGGEST HOW THE TWO DEFINITIONS MIGHT BE
COMBINED.

7. NEXT MEETING WILL BE MONDAY, DECEMBER 1. KLOSSON

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